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TO ADAMS/BARBAN/RODMAN FOR THE SECRETARY

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AUGUST 27, 1975

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. I HAD AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION WITH BILL CLEMENTS. HE STOPPED BY TO TELL ME ABOUT AN ACTION THE JCS HAD TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTING BEFOREHAND WITH HIM.
2. IT TURNS OUT THAT THE JCS HAVE INDICATED CONSIDERABLE SOFTNESS ON THE CRUISE MISSILE ISSUE. THEY HAVE SAID THAT THEY CAN LIVE WITH 2,000 KMS FOR ALCMS AND, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WITH 600 KMS FOR SLCMS.
3. CLEMENTS SAYS THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT IS A NAVY MANEUVER TO PROTECT THE CARRIER IN THE FUTURE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RADIUS OF ACTION OF THE F-14 WAS ABOUT 600 MILES. THEREFORE, A 600 KM LIMIT ON SLCMS PUTS THEM WITHIN CARRIER FIGHTER RANGE AND ELIMINATES AN SLCM THREAT TO THE CARRIERS FROM OUTSIDE THE FIGHTER PROTECTIVE SCREEN.



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5. BOTH OF THESE I THINK ARE VERY ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS. THE JCS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE APPARENTLY IN AN OFFICIAL PAPER TO THE SECRETARY SO THAT IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO SWEEP THEM UNDER THE RUG.
WARM REGARDS,

NAVY and JCS reviews completed

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